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Minden Hills talks fees for services

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Minden Hills council may have sounded the death knell for an annual craft sale in the township.

For at least the second year, rental rates have increased for use of the community centre.

Minden Hills resident Diane Peacock gets the Christmas Craft Sale up and running each year at the community centre. She told council when it met Sept. 12 that another increase in the rental fee would be detrimental to an event that's anticipated by many people.

"Minden Hills council, you are going to be killing your rentals again for the community centre by upping the prices," she said. "To rent rooms 1 and 2 will be over $400 now. I'm going to say right now, definitely in 2025 there will not be a Christmas craft sale at Minden Community Centre."

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YWCA Takes Back the Night for second year

by THOMAS SMITH
Editor

In 2023, the YWCA hosted the Take Back the Night Walk for the first time. This year, the them of the Take Back the Night Walk in Minden is 'Shatter the Silence.'

"It is a global event. It is the longest and oldest running event geared towards raising awareness and ending violence against women and sexual violence in the world," said Meghan Moloney. "It has a really long history. It was started in the 1970's and has grown worldwide."

"The municipalities and cities and towns over the world are doing this on Thursday Sept. 19. The YWCA in the Peterborough community has been running Take Back the Night events for 46 years. The lead organization that organizes the Peterborough event is the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centrte. Last year, the YWCA became more involved with the planning and became one of the cohosts."

"When we started cohosting last year, we really felt it was important to involve the Minden team," said Moloney.

"We are just starting to land in this being an annual event. The purpose is to raise awareness and to increase the awareness every year and the involvement and the community participation every year."

"This year, we have had a little bit more time to prepare so we will have water and minimal snacks," said Nycole Duncan, manager of the Women's Centre in Minden. "It is an earlier time frame. Walking around water, we do have participants who bring their children. It is a family event so we just try to be aware of safety."

The Take Back the Night event will begin at 5 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 19 at the grassy area in front of the Canadian Tire in Minden. After an opening ceremony, the actual walk around the Minden Riverwalk will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.. At the opening ceremony, the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums group will perform. A table from the YWCA will be present at their table at Canadian Tire, with pamphlets and other information available.

"Almost the entire Minden team is going to be present," said Tina Thornton, director of philanthropy for YWCA.

"Women typically don't report when there is a sexual assault or a domestic violence assault. The lack of reports is even higher in rural areas and the risk is higher. It is different because the space between neighbours creates an additional risk. If someone is screaming for help, the person next door is not going to hear them," said Duncan. "Transportation is an issue, accessing services easily or conveniently is an issue. Being in a rural community, firearm traditions are very common here. Speaking with someone yesterday, they reminded their wife that the shotgun is on the bed because there was a bear at the door yesterday. That is because that person cares about their wife, but that is not always the case. They do not just have access, but a very clear understanding and knowledge of how they work."

In rural communities such as Haliburton County, cell coverage is an issue as well as animals that women are afraid to leave behind. With the closest family court location in Lindsay, it is difficult for people to travel there.

Currently, the YWCA is working with the Highlands Hospital and the municipalities around to declare domestic violence an epidemic in this region, says Duncan.

"One in 15 or 7 per cent of women living rurally reported experience physical or sexual violence in the past year. 95 per cent of those women reported experiencing intimate partner violence multiple times before they reported it," said Thornton. "Women in rural areas stay longer in abusive situations. The risk is much higher. That is why events like this are so important to get us out into the community so that we can let people know that this is the work we do and that if you need help, we are there for you."

The Haliburton County Women's Centre will provide support for women with or without children who are experiencing violence in Haliburton County.

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Housing information

Information to better understand the effects of violence and trauma on women and children

Donations to the YWCA will be accepted during the event and can be sent through their website ywcapeterborough.org.

Craft sale may move to Haliburton

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Peacock threatened to move the craft fair to nearby Haliburton where she can rent the Royal Canadian Legion branch for $300, she said.

"I'm just giving you fair warning," she said.

Councillor Tammy McKelvey said she struggles with the timing of the changes to municipal fees and charges.

"Because we normally do these when we're into the budgets," she said. "From a timing perspective, it's nice to see the financials to know where we're at."

"Staff were actually just trying to get ahead of some of those fees so we can prepare those documents for council to be reviewed during budget deliberations," said Wendelin Lonergan, the finance director and treasurer.

"Fees and charges do take up a considerable amount of time during budget deliberations. We're just trying to split it up so that we're ready to go."

McKelvey said increases to the Building Department fees should be delayed until council finds out how much it costs to run the department.

And, she said, the fee to license a refreshment vehicle has been $500 forever.

"It was $500 when I worked here in the '80s," she said. "I really think council should consider increasing that."

Those trucks use municipal services and generate garbage. Besides, she said, local restaurants have had tax increases in that time.

"I just want to throw that out," she said.

McKelvey said the fees and charges to license short-term rentals (STR) should be mentioned in the documentation.

Lonergan said fees associated with the STR bylaw that comes into effect Oct. 1 haven't been set uniformly across Haliburton County's four municipalities.

"The whole premise of this (STR bylaw) in the beginning was that none of this would ever cost the taxpayers money," said Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell. "I think we do need to have some fees in there to cover things so the average taxpayer isn't carrying any of the cost for people who want to rent their cottages."

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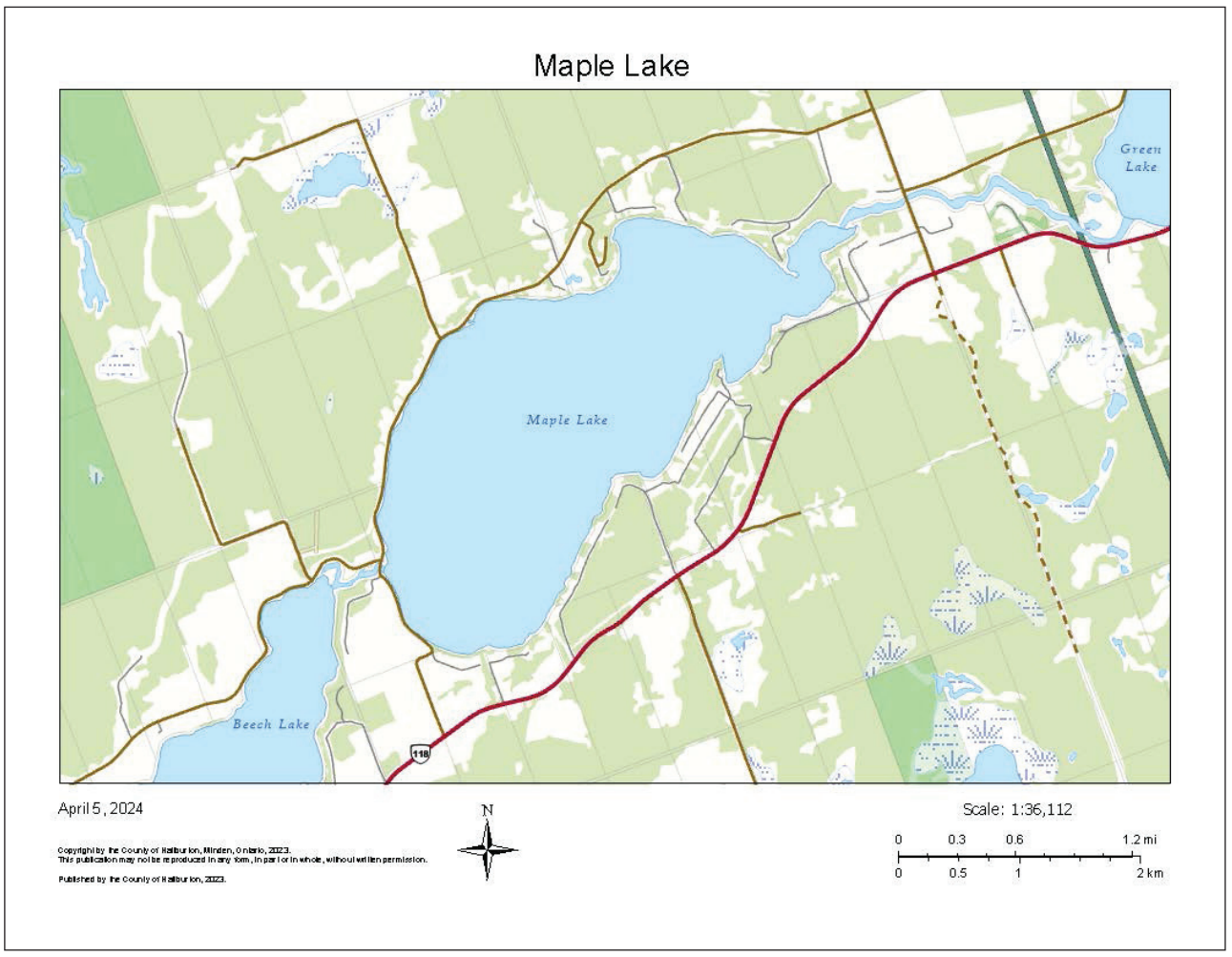
Litigation continues into Maple Lake access ruckus

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff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Landowners around Maple Lake have not given any credible documentation to support their restricting public shoreline road allowance access.

Algonquin Highlands turned to the courts in April to settle a dispute about public access to Maple Lake. Private individuals were allegedly restricting public use of shoreline road allowances. It's been an ongoing dispute since at least February.

The township said in a statement April 4 that it "has had to revert to the unprecedented step of initiating legal action against such individuals."

The township released a follow-up statement in late August.

"At this time, the matter is still before the courts where the township is seeking injunctive relief as it relates to the obstruction or occupation of portions of shoreline road allowances around Maple Lake," the latest statement reads.

"Extensive research by legal professionals and Ontario Land Surveyors has confirmed the land in question is a municipal shore road allowance. All road allowances, including shoreline road allowances within the geographical jurisdiction of the Township of Algonquin Highlands are, as per Section 28(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, under the ownership and jurisdiction of the municipality except where they have been closed and conveyed in accordance with applicable legislation."

To date those seeking to hinder public access over the subject lands through claims of private ownership have not provided any credible documentation to support their position.

"This has regrettably led to substantial misinformation circulating throughout the community and social media," the township said.

Council remains committed to protecting the public's right to access township land. Council continues to pursue the matter through the courts and in doing so is exhausting significant township resources to protect public access over township property.

Unfortunately, limited information can be released to the public at this time given the matter is still before The Ontario Court of Justice, as well as the Superior Court of Ontario.

Mayor Liz Danielsen previously said comment on the matter would be restricted to official statements as the matter is before the courts.

"It's an unfortunate situation and, even more so, given the time it takes to deal with an issue like this through the courts," Danielsen said.

Litigation is necessary to ensure the public's right of free passage over public lands.

"The legal process is one that is not as expeditious as we would hope. However, it is the necessary process to be undertaken to ensure the protection of municipal land for the public."

If members of the public feel harassed or threatened at any time while accessing this property, they are encouraged to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP, who are aware of the ongoing issues.

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MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE
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- We are offering a Mid-Autumn Festival craft for visitors to explore a fun fall Chinese tradition on Tuesday, September 17 from 3 – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. No pre-registration is required.
- Attention all crafters! The UFO Group is meeting at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Friday, September 20 from 1-3 pm. Bring a beverage, a snack and your unfinished project to work on.
- To recognize the 2024 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Haliburton County Public Library are offering a free screening on Thursday, October 26 of Inconvenient Indian, a recent documentary based on the book of the same name by Thomas King. The documentary will be shown at 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Admission is free. No pre-registration is required.
- The Minden Hills Museum, Heritage Village and Nature's Place are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm until October 12. Join us for Wildlife Crafts on Thursdays from 3-4 pm, Toddler Discovery Zone on Fridays from 11 am – noon and Hands-On Saturdays from 10 am – noon. Self-guided tours of the Heritage Village are available daily. Admission is by donation.

For more information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

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- You can mow up to an inch or two of leaves and leave them to break down in your yard.

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- **September 26 – Regular Council Meeting**
- **October 10 – Regular Council Meeting**

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Guinan steps down as Chair of Minden Pride

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

For the past three years, Allan Guinan has been Chair of Minden Pride. Recently, Guinan has announced that he is stepping down from this role.

"I got involved because I was surprised and delighted to see that a small community like Minden could host such a successful and fun pride festival," said Guinan. "I also saw it as an opportunity to use many of the skills I had gained in my career and to work with others in achieving a successful outcome."

Guinan first volunteered with Minden Pride in 2019 and joined the committee in 2020. Guinan became Chair in January of 2021.

"The chair is responsible to oversee the work of the committee and to convene regular meetings to establish the goals and tasks of the committee and specifically the program for the annual festival each August," said Guinan. "They are responsible for the successful management and supervision of Minden Pride ensuring that our Vision and Mission and Mandate are being met in all activities we undertake. The chair works with the committee in managing all strategic and operational issues to ensure all financial, legal, logistical needs are planned and executed successfully. As the spokesperson for the group, the Chair liaises with all media and various levels of government and corresponds with other organizations and agencies to ensure our activities are clearly communicated and safely and successfully run."

Allan Guinan, chair of Minden Pride is stepping down. /Submitted

"Leading a team of highly dedicated and skilled individuals has been an incredible pleasure and opportunity. I›ve had the chance to meet numerous wonderful and supportive community leaders, business owners, and passionate individuals across the county who advocate for and celebrate a diverse and inclusive world," said Guinan. "I am thankful for the warm welcome I've received, the friendships I've formed, and the progress we've achieved in ensuring that everyone in the pride community feels included in the Highlands."

Guinan's stepping down from the role of Chair is mutual with the organization.

"I hold the view that it's crucial for volunteer organizations to continually adapt and embrace new individuals and ideas to pave the path ahead," said Guinan. "The past four years have been bustling as we›ve expanded our community presence and activities, and I now wish to allocate time to explore additional interests."

"It is essential for an individual to understand the broader context and champion our rights and privileges, all while respecting the various perspectives and opinions present in Haliburton," said Guinan. "They should be capable of effectively communicating the significance of our efforts and collaborate with a wide range of stakeholders to ensure the continued success of Minden Pride."

Guinan says that the role demands an individual who can actively and positively represent the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, which is a broad and varied collective of people with diverse life experiences.

"Creativity and a consistent pursuit of positive results in all activities and engagements with the Haliburton community are also essential," said Guinan.

Guinan will continue to be involved with Minden Pride. The Minden Pride Committee is also looking for additional people to join their numbers. Minden Pride is the largest cultural festival in the county, brining in economic development for many businesses and independent artists. As Minden Pride grows, the number of community engagement Minden Pride runs increases, requiring additional committee members.

"If anyone is interested in either the Chair position or to become a new committee member can reach out to me directly. I would put their names forward to the committee for consideration with the idea of getting new people on board by the end of the year," said Guinan. "We do have well defined roles and responsibilities established for all positions and would welcome anyone either within or outside of the queer community to join the committee."

"I will move into the Past Chair role and continue to be an active member of the committee," said Guinan. "They are not getting rid of me that fast!"

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County adopts focus on nurse practitioner recruitment

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Haliburton County is one of the few centres in the province to offer monetary incentives to lure nurse practitioners to the region.

And there's already been queries from nurse practitioners about possibly working in the county.

Scott Ovell, the county's economic development director, outlined the revised physician recruitment policy for council during its Sept. 11 meeting.

The revisions incorporated increased support for the recruitment of nurse practitioners (NPs) that will lead to the provision of better health care for the residents of and visitors to Haliburton County.

The changes to the recruitment program will make the county one of a few communities in Ontario to provide direct financial incentive for NPs.

"To our knowledge we're one of the few jurisdictions in the province that actually going in this direction so it's great to be a first adopter," Ovell said.

According to a report presented to county council, that change to incentives will help the county be viewed as a leader in health care recruitment across the province.

The incentive for a nurse practitioner is a $10,000 one-time payment. The total amount of the incentive available for physicians is unchanged at $12,500 and would be pro-rated based on part time service.

Currently, there is $185,905.78 in the physician recruitment reserve.

"At this time it is difficult to estimate how many NPs will be recruited on a yearly basis but, if a successful recruitment takes place, these funds will need to be taken into account when setting the annual budget contributions for the Physician Recruitment Reserve," Wendy Welch, the county's physician recruitment coordinator, said in the report to council.

Staff are setting a goal of recruiting one NP every year, which would require an annual contribution of $10,000 back into the Physician Recruitment Reserve. Over the next three to five years, this could lead to $30,000 to $50,000.00 having to be placed back into the reserve fund to ensure long-term sustainability.

Different recruitment/marketing tactics will need to be explored when looking to attract NPs. Staff will reallocate existing marketing and or programming dollars to help support this second target market.

"As we did with the development, the expansion of some of our overall physician recruitment marketing we've seen some good synergies in the work that's been done with our tourism marketing," said Ovell, who is also the county's tourism director.

Due to the synergies between tourism marketing, recruitment staff will continue to work with the tourism division to support the development of new marketing opportunities for the new nurse practitioner recruitment program.

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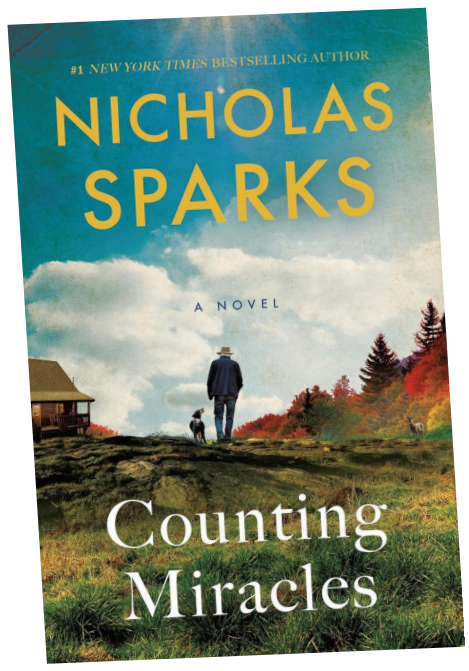

Tanner Hughes is an Army Ranger who was raised by his grandparents. When his grandmother passes away, her last words to him are "find where you belong". She also reveals the name of the father Tanner never knew, leading him to Asheboro, North Carolina. There, he meets Kaitlyn Cooper, a doctor and single mom, sparking an immediate connection.

Nearby, eighty-three-year-old Jasper is haunted by a tragic past. When he hears rumors that a white deer has been spotted in the forest—a creature of legend that inspired his father and grandfather—he becomes obsessed with protecting the deer from poachers.

As these characters' fates orbit closer together, none anticipate the miracle that will change their futures forever.

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Take back the night

IN MY first year of University, I attended the Take Back the Night event in Guelph. From the University of Guelph's campus, we walked down to Marianne's Park where speakers told their stories of resiliency and to bring attention to gender-based violence. As a marcher, I felt connected to the community and stood with my community in solidarity against sexual violence. Take Back the Night is a global rally and march to remind your community that domestic violence is still present. It happens in the streets of Minden and in our homes.

The rates of domestic violence have skyrocketed. With the pandemic, survivors were stuck in their home with their abuser.

THOMAS SMITH
Editor

Talking with Meghan Moloney, Nycole Duncan, and Tina Thronton, I was terrified when Duncan told me "Women typically don't report when there is a sexual assault or a domestic violence assault. The lack of reports is even higher in rural areas and the risk is higher. It is different because the space between neighbours creates an additional risk. If someone is screaming for help, the person next door is not going to hear them."

A domestic violence victim has a better chance of survival in heavily populated urban areas. In rural communities like Minden, I imagine perfect family households that are interconnected with the neighbors who have potlucks on the weekends.

To hear that women stand a better chance in the city with domestic violence situations clearly proves me wrong.

In Haliburton County, we have a culture of hunting and using firearms for protection from animals like bears. The Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative estimates that domestic violence and domestic homicide is three times higher in rural areas than in urban areas.

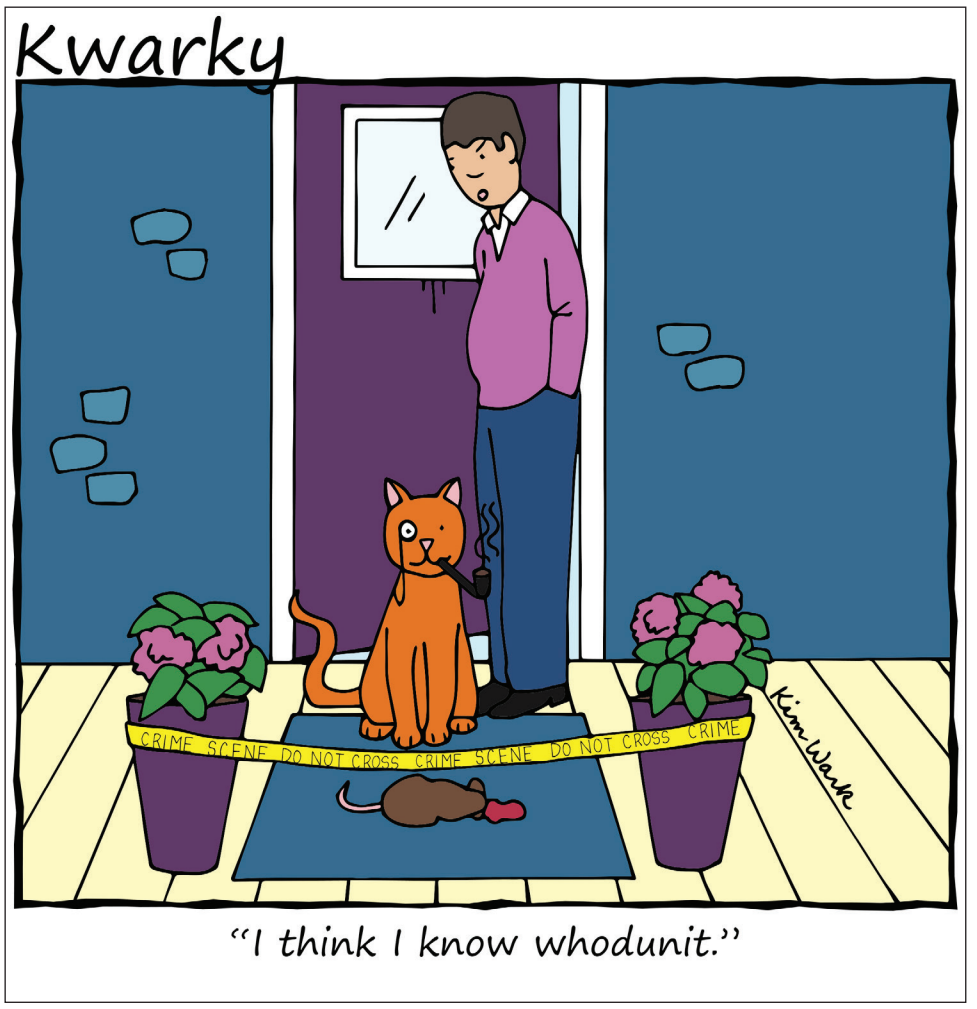
As a young adult that hopes to have kids one day, I am scared at the thought of raising my daughter(s) in Haliburton county. These statistics show that rural communities are not safe for women. If they were to call out for help, who would hear them?

Take Back the Night is a family friendly event that encourages residents of the community to come out and take a stand against domestic violence.

With a lack of transportation, resources, and cell coverage, HERS, the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace is vital in saving the lives of women that are in domestic violence situations.

HERS provides a space for women and their families to remove themselves from dangerous situations without leaving their support systems, job, schools, and friends behind. HERS has two two-bedroom units that are available on an as-needed basis. HERS provides women and their families with a safe space that they can live independently, with access to staff to assist them. The YWCA also provides valuable resources to the community such as information about housing and income supports, one-on-one counselling and assistance with navigating the court system.

On Sept. 19, come out and show the community that you will not be a bystander to domestic violence in Haliburton County. Let women know that they are safe in our community and have the right to report their abusers without the fear of retaliation, being ignored, minimized, disbelieved, suppressed or victim blamed. Perhaps in the future, unreporting will become the minority and not the majority.



If you can't stand the heat

LAST SUNDAY was the opener of the central Ontario small game season. It was also a good day to acclimatize yourself for a safari in equatorial Africa.

That's why, for the first time ever, I decided to forego the opening day hunt. I did this mostly because of how hard it would have been on my dog, but also because I dislike the idea of shooting overly sweaty grouse.

I'm not sure if these sweltering opening days are just another new normal due to climate change. But I do know that if this keeps up, I have several hunter orange coats and wool caps for sale. Or for trade if you happen to have hunter orange mesh tee shirts and shorts in my size.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

This isn't the first recent opening day like this. In fact, these hot opening days are getting so common now, that they have caused me to give a lot of thought as to how the heat will affect hunting in the future if the trend continues.

Here are a few of my conclusions.

First, we hunters will have to spend a lot more time looking for small game animals in different places – like say 200 miles south of the north pole.

When we are hunting around here, however, I think we might be wise to focus on shady places in the woods where cool drinks are served. Also, instead of looking for tracks, scat, food sources, or great cover, we might now better spend our time looking for grouse, squirrels, mourning doves, woodcock, and hares that are lounging by the water, or reading books under the shade of tiny, little umbrellas.

I think we've all seen that waterskiing squirrel on the Internet. Get used to it. That's probably going to be the norm if this keeps up.

On the plus side, we might even learn where our favourite small game animals lair or roost by zeroing in on the sound that their little air conditioners make.

Also, I am pretty sure that, if this continues, hard flushes might be a thing of the past. That's a lot of exertion for a dog or game animal on a really hot day.

Instead, we might see a grouse sauntering out and fanning itself frantically while being pursued too closely by our dehydrated dog. During the flush, they might even both stop to rest a bit.

This trend might also mean we will have to retrain our dog to take a break and rehydrate every two minutes and teach it to be patient as we reapply sunscreen on its nose and ours.

The point is things are going to change drastically if these hot opening days continue to be the status quo. The hunt is not going to be the same. The animals our dogs retrieve are just as likely to succumb to heat stroke as bird shot.

So, we could continue to hunt small game on days that hold this oppressive early season heat, or we could just wait until later in the fall when temperatures cool down and it's much more comfortable to don upland vest, boots and pants.

That's what I plan on doing, despite the silent complaints of my dog.

Mostly because I believe that if I go out to hunt in these crazy hot, early season openers, I'm the only creature that will be flushed.

InOtherWords

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Addicted to grievance

A PSYCHIATRY PROFESSOR from Yale named (perhaps inconveniently for googling) James Kimmel has determined that the brain circuitry activated by a sense of grievance are very similar to those activated by addiction to substances. The brain gets as much pleasure planning revenge for injustices, real or imagined, as it does anticipating its next hit of opioids. Very scary thought.

Kimmel's work is foundational to a book called the *Age of Grievance* written by Frank Bruni, a regular writer for the New York Times, who expounds further on the social feedback loops that nurture and accelerate grievance, especially but not exclusively social media. This has become pivotal in political warfare. Evidence of this mechanism in action? Americans had their Jan. 6 attack on the White House, Canadians had our three-week 'Freedom Convoy' occupation in Ottawa.

And, on a daily basis, we have evidence that politics has indeed become warfare – in the rhetoric in Question Period, at news scrums, wherever microphones or TV cameras are present. It's a problem. We need leaders who drive looking at the road ahead, not the carnage in the rear view mirror.

FAY MARTIN
Poke, Peel, Pair, Ponder

We also need a society that practices at least a modicum of civility so that politicians – and others who service society in other ways – are not under constant attack, which activates their defence system, and probably also lights up their grievance circuitry. Because the grievance mechanism works whether or not the injustice is real. So everybody can feel hard done by all the time. It can be – perhaps has become – the attitude du jour.

Beam me up, Scotty! This is not the world I want to inhabit.

So how can we mere mortals begin to turn this thing around?

Well, interesting you should call us mere mortals, because recently I was indulging in a re-read of Robertson Davies, whose writing puts me in mind of a bird's nest, a well-constructed cozy little home comprised of a melange of sticks and stuff that is occasionally pokey in uncomfortable ways.

In *What's Bred in the Bone*, Davies closes each section of his protagonist's life story with a conversation between two non-mortals, the Lesser Zadkiel who was the Angel of Biography, the keeper of life stories, and the Daimon Maimas, who explains how he guided the life of the mortal who'd been assigned to him, Francis Cornish. He rejects as sour milk the idea of guarding his mortal: no, his job was to curate the difficulties that befell Francis so as to urge him gently toward being the best man he could be.

Tough love writ celestial, I'd say.

And quite possibly the cure for what ails us. The Daimon's specialty was creativity; he curated the circumstances that had the potential to teach Francis something useful about who he was, pointing the way to finding his purpose in life. He presented the opportunity; it was up to Francis what he did with it.

Davies was a staunch Protestant who was cynical about religion, so he doesn't go all bible-y about 'to whom much is given, much is expected', but that's clearly understood. Francis was born to privilege, but also to a fairly messed-up family (the Daimon at work) and left to the care and nurture of a colorful cadre of individuals who were not born to privilege but nevertheless made a life of meaning, the pokey sticks of which Francis's nest was made. None were heroic. None were perfect. All were striving, more or less, to make the best of what they were given.

That – okay, work ethic-y -- approach to life didn't leave much room for judgement: you do your best and presume that others do likewise, and if they don't, well, they're the poorer for wasting the life granted them. Call me old-fashioned, but meaning and purpose is what gets me out of bed in the morning and I can't see a lot wrong with it.

Even if I don't understand or agree with the purpose of the other. There's probably a Daimon at play there, and taking advantage of creativity is something you do, not something that happens to you. And who am I to know, let alone judge, the details of the challenge others face? The Daimon Maimas had to think quite hard to recall the details of what he'd conjured and why and how it all worked over time for Francis.

So whether we understand brain circuity or not, the scary thought that feelings of grievance are addictive need not be a death knell for civility and civilization. It's not the first and won't be the last addiction our society flirts with. It can be the one we embrace – or at least accept -- as an opportunity to find a way to be our own best person.

Minden Memories

A clergy's house from the sixties. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

letters to the editor

ReOpen the Minden ER, Minden Matters

To the Editor,

The Ontario Provincial Government is currently considering significant expenditures on projects like Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, which come with hefty price tags—an estimated $10 billion for Highway 413 and between $800 million and $4 billion for the Bradford Bypass. These projects not only threaten vital Greenbelt and farmland but also endanger numerous species and ecosystems. Instead of funneling taxpayer money into these environmentally damaging highways, we should prioritize urgent public health needs, such as reopening the Minden Emergency Room.

The permanent closure of the Minden ER has had detrimental impacts on the health and well-being of our communities. Residents are now faced with longer travel times for emergency care, increased stress on other healthcare facilities, and a greater risk of adverse health outcomes. Access to quality healthcare is a fundamental right, and every Ontarian should have the assurance that medical services are available when they need them. The loss of the Minden ER is a stark example of how healthcare can be stripped away from communities, leaving vulnerable populations without adequate support.

Redirecting funds from highway construction to healthcare could address the ongoing public health crisis in Ontario, which has been exacerbated by hospital closures and inadequate access to emergency services. The funds earmarked for highway projects could instead be used to improve healthcare infrastructure, enhance community health services, and ensure that all Ontarians have access to timely medical care.

Critically, the actions of the Ontario Progressive Conservatives, under Doug Ford, raise concerns about prioritizing corporate interests over the well-being of Ontarians. The decision-making process appears to be influenced by big corporations looking to profit at the expense of our environment and public health. This corrupt and scandalous attitude undermines public trust and suggests that the government is not making the best decisions for its citizens.

In summary, rather than spending billions on highways that pose significant environmental and social risks, it is imperative that we reallocate these funds to support critical public health initiatives like the reopening of the Minden ER. Doing so would demonstrate a commitment to the well-being of Ontarians and the protection of our environment for future generations, while ensuring that healthcare is accessible and of high quality for all. The provincial government must focus on restoring vital health services, rather than stripping them away in favor of corporate gains.

Patrick Porzuczek
Minden

Huskies dominate North York Rangers 5 to 1

Peter Saroglou chases the puck during the first period of the Haliburton Huskies game last Sautrday, Sept. 14 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memoiral arena.

Ryan Gosse faces-off against the North York Rangers in first-period action.

Haliburton Huskies player puts pressure on the net.

STR operators will lose points for bylaw infractions

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Minden Hills has fine-tuned its short-term rental bylaw in anticipation of its county-wide adoption Oct. 1.

Aspects of the short-term rental (STR) bylaw have been revised to provide language specific to dwelling of short term rental; to explore options for requirements for certificate of insurance for structures; and the purchase of shoreline road allowance; and to include the licence of occupation.

The definition of a guest room has been revised to permit a sleeping cabin to be used only in conjunction with a dwelling for STR.

There's also a requirement for a license of occupation for any building or structure located wholly or partially within a municipally-owned shore road allowance (SRA). Purchase of the SRA is only required if the dwelling is located within the SRA.

And it's stipulated that there's a requirement for the person responsible for the STR to notify the township of any changes in insurance.

As per the bylaw, Haliburton County is the authority for any STR operator to appeal any penalty meted out for infractions of the rules.

Councillor Tammy McKelvey asked for clarification as to whether the county is responsible for establishing the fee for an appeal.

Mayor Bob Carter said there was an effort at the upper tier to ensure the appeal process is above board and free of any influence by any one of the lower tier municipalities.

"Nobody could say somebody in Minden doesn't like me and that's why I didn't get the license," Carter said. "Therefore, we said let's put the appeals up to the county. As it turns out, it's a bit more complicated than that."

Legal advice has been received that indicates the municipalities have to turn over the power of the appeal process to the county. That is, Minden Hills gives the authority for the county to render a decision on an appeal on the township's behalf.

"If they decide the license was unfairly withheld or if the license should have been withheld, they will make a final judgement and it will come back to us," Carter said. "So, basically, the county will pretty much decide what the fee will be for that appeal based on what the cost of the whole process is to be.

"We hope that it's going to be a minimal cost."

County officials will meet with the four township councils to explain all those details.

"So it's like we would delegate our authority for the appeal process then to the county?" McKelvey said.

"Pretty much," Carter said. "It's a little bit different, but yes."

Coun. Ivan Ingram asked about the points system that's part of the STR guidelines.

Amanda Dougherty, the township's planning manager, said other municipalities have a points system that works as demerit points similar to one's driver's license. Points are deducted for infractions of the bylaw.

"(That) is how I understood it was meant to be enforced," she said, and added that she isn't certain how many points operators will begin with.

McKelvey said the specifics about the demerit point system needs to be clearly described in the bylaw's verbiage.

"I think we should bring it back to the next meeting," Carter said.

"Definitely needs that clarification," said Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell.

Dougherty said the municipality may suspend or revoke an operator's license for six months after infractions for up to three or more points.

OPP raises awareness about off-road vehicle safety

In 2023, half of the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) fatalities in Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) jurisdictions occurred during the end of the year. As a result, the Central Region of the OPP is raising awareness about ORV safety.

The OPP investigated 26 ORV fatalities in 2023, in which 13 occurred between September and December. Lack of helmet use, alcohol and/or drug consumption, and failure to maintain control of the vehicle remain the leading factors.

With your help, we hope to spread the word about ORV safety. Here are some critical safety guidelines and best preparation for enjoyable riding:

Driving an ORV while impaired by alcohol or drugs is as unlawful as driving any other vehicle and carries the same impaired driving penalties that apply to driving a motor vehicle

Always wear a properly fitted helmet with a secure chin strap. ORV drivers and passengers who do not wear their helmets are at a much higher risk of serious injury or death if they crash, lose control, or their vehicle tips over

Always carry your registration and proof of insurance

Ensure proper display of licence plate according to the ORVA

Have a valid trail pass where applicable

Exercise caution when riding on permitted roadways, adjusting to the difference between dirt and pavement

Drive cautiously and familiarize yourself with the required speeds for ORVs

The Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicles is a great resource. Please see the link for more information and safety tips: Tips for the Riders | OFATV - Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicle Clubs.

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Industrious beavers wreak havoc on trail corridor

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Those blasted beavers are always at it.

Sylvin Cloutier, the county's public works director, told Haliburton County council during its Sept. 11 meeting that the Rail Trail had three major washouts this year.

County Public Works Operations is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the Haliburton County Rail Trail corridor. Trail surface maintenance incorporates grading, dust control, washout repairs, and removal of debris.

County looks for opportunity to improve trail access which this year's improvement is the construction of a parking area at Geeza Road and the trail off County Road 1.

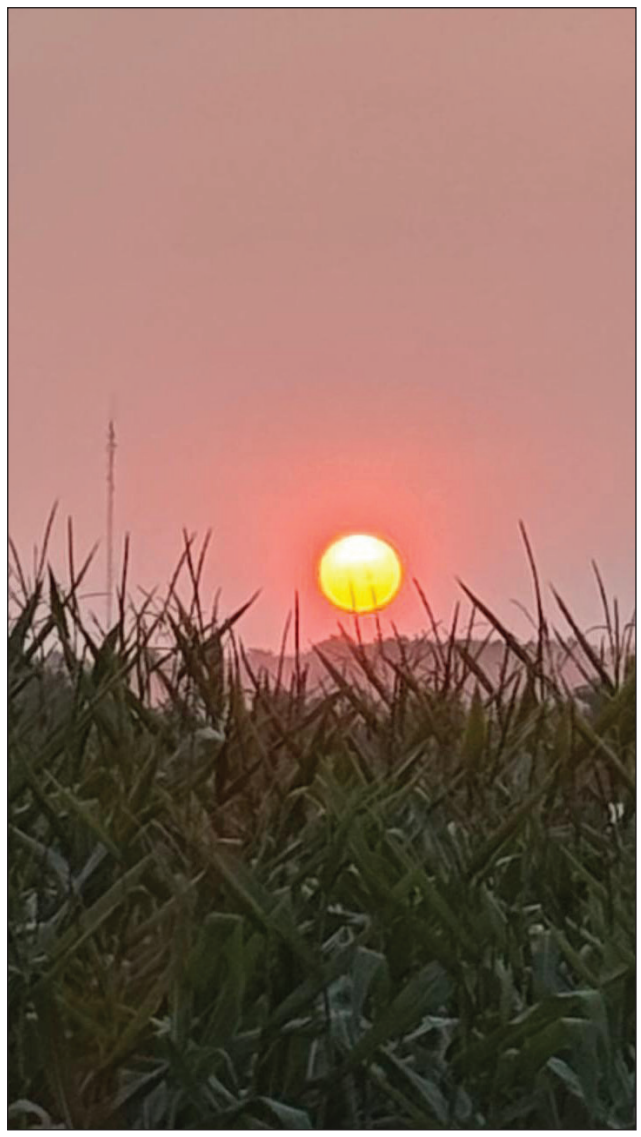
Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, said there's been a washout on the Rail Trail since the last Cloutier appeared before council.

"Have there been more since then, even?" Carter said.

"We've have completed the washout repair," Cloutier said. "We had three major washouts this year on the Rail Trail and they were due to beaver dams breaking upstream."

That debris creates washouts that need to be repaired.

"Now everything is looking good," Cloutier said. "We did the final grading for the season and we just continue doing miscellaneous repairs."



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The sun sets over the Cox's corn field in Minden. /Submitted by Guenter Horst

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Stanhope airport and community fall colours fly-in

The leaves are changing colour, there's a crispness in the air, and the Stanhope Airport and Community Fall Colours Fly-In is taking place at the Stanhope Municipal Airport on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Supported by the Stanhope Municipal Airport Advisory Committee, this autumn favourite will feature a classic car show, a stunning array of unique and antique aircraft, a delicious selection of food, Algonquin Highlands Fire Services, the MNRF, model aircraft and much more. For a fee, guests will be able to observe the breathtaking Haliburton Highlands foliage from above with an aeroplane or helicopter ride!

General admission and parking are free. The Stanhope Municipal Airport is located at 1168 Stanhope Airport Road.

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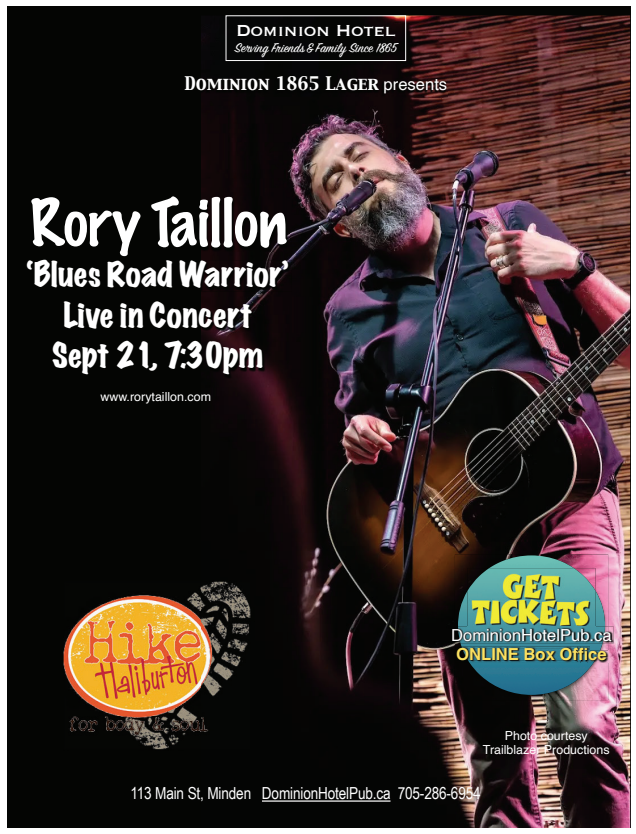
Empties for charity

Scotch Line Landfill has bins and shelves for collecting alcohol cans and bottles. Funds collected from the donations go towards Snowflake Meadows Rescue Centre and Walkkabout Famrs Therapeutic Riding. /THOMAS SMITH Staff



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***Shatter the Silence* 2nd annual Minden *Take Back The Night* march**
When: Thursday, Sept 19, 5 to 7 p.m.
Where: Meet on the grass in front of Canadian Tire, 92 Water Street
Opening Ceremony 5 to 5:30 p.m. March along Minden Riverwalk. Speakers and performers to be announced. For more information contact the Women's Centre of Haliburton County 705-286-1942

Haliburton County Historical Society Annual Pork Roast Dinner
When: Saturday, Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Firefighters Hall, 1123 Northshore Road
$30 per person. For tickets call 705-754-0427

Go Wild 4 Wildlife - Fun'Raiser for Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary
When: Friday Oct 1., 1:30 to 7 p.m.
Where: Sir Sam's Ski Resort, Eagle Lake
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Weekly Meat Rolls
When: Every Saturday, 3 p.m.
Where: Coboconk Legion, Hwy 48 and 35
Join us for our weekly meat draw at the Coboconk Legion. 5 spins for $10. The first 4 rounds are for highest and lowest score with 2 winners per round. The last round is for a prepare-it-yourself dinner for two. Additional spins for this round are available for $2 each. Call (705) 454-8127 or email info@coboconklegion.ca for more information.

Scottish Country Dancing
When: Classes start Mon. Sept. 16 from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.
Where: Fellowship Room of Haliburton United Church 10 George St.
Beginners absolutely welcome! No experience or partner needed! Please wear clothing you can move freely in and indoor (preferably soft-soled) shoes. Classes are $10 cash/class or register for the whole term for $110 (cash or e-transfer). Email haliburtonscottishcountrydance@gmail.com for more info or to register.

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The Salt Cellars prepare for release party

The Salt Cellars is a duo comprised of Virginia deCarle and Rob Bersan. /Submitted

Hailing from the south side of Algonquin Park, The Salt Cellars, founded in 2016, radiate authenticity and heartfelt storytelling. The duo, Virginia deCarle and Rob Bersan, embodies a fusion of Folk, Americana, Blues, Jazz and Pop, delivering a sound that resonates deeply with their listeners. Their journey from individual musicians to a harmonious partnership is a testament to their shared passion for music and unwavering dedication to their craft.

Virginia's musical journey began at the age of 14, amidst the backdrop of a life-altering diagnosis of Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in her throat. Faced with the challenges of illness, she found solace in the catharsis of songwriting. Inspired by many musical artists and genres, she embarked on a creative journey fueled by raw emotion and introspection. Rob's musical evolution was similarly self-directed, beginning with a guitar teacher who threw away his books and taught Rob to play by ear alone.

The two friends originally met at an open mic. in Perth, On. in 1999 and continued to perform together for almost four years. Life led them in different directions for a decade, when a chance meeting on New Year's Eve brought the friends into each other's lives once again. Their distinct styles have converged, creating the unique sound that defines The Salt Cellars.

The duo's musical exploration often delves into themes of social justice and the enduring beauty of nature. Rooted in a background in forestry, and a mutual love of the outdoors, their lyrics paint vivid portraits of the wilderness, serving as a reminder of humanity's interconnectedness with the natural world. Their advocacy for social justice is equally fervent, driven by a shared belief in empathy, equality and equity. Through their music, they strive to spark meaningful conversations and inspire positive change in the world.

The Salt Cellars have released three full length albums with recording engineer and bassist Richard Joudrey (Anaxjunius Music Studios, Maynooth, On.) to date: *Truth, Crooked Tree* and *Inside These Walls*. Their newest album, *Sky Compass* will have a release party at The Dominion Hotel on Oct. 19.

The Salt Cellars will be playing with a full band for this event, with Robe Foreman playing bass, and Brandon Humphrey playing drums. A special surprise guest will be playing keyboard.

As they continue to navigate the ever-changing landscape of the music industry, The Salt Cellars remain steadfast in their commitment to authenticity and connection.

Sky Compass was recorded this past spring and summer at SkyLark Park Studio with Jordon Zadorozny at the controls. "Down The Road,"a new song from *Sky Compass* can be listened to on their YouTube channel @thesaltcellarsband. The video was recorded in the Bonnechere Caves near Eganville, Ont.

Space for the release party is limited and can be purchased at The Dominion Hotel or through their website.

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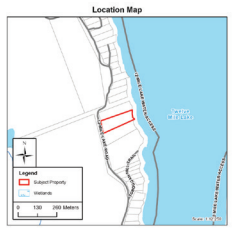
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received applications to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. PLSRA2023043: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of 1632 Twelve Mile Lake Road located within Part Lot 8, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Minden; and



2. File No. PLSRA2024021: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1031 Lily Pad Lane located within Part Lot 10 & 42, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth.

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

AND TAKE NOTICE should you wish to provide comments with respect to any of the above referenced applications, please submit in writing those comments to the undersigned not later than October 18, 2024.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE if deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills. Please note that a Council meeting to consider a By-law for the above referenced applications will be scheduled at a later date following the requiste commenting period.

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Soup's on: Empty Bowls event sells out

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Pottery made by Debbie and Grahame Wales of Earth and Fire Pottery. /Submitted

Michelle Anton recognized the overwhelming demand on organizations tackling food insecurity like the 4Cs Food Bank in Haliburton County. After hearing about a similar fundraising event in Peterborough, Anton approached Haliburton Legion President Mike Waller about running an Empty Bowls fundraiser in Haliburton. The ticketed event would include a handcrafted bowl that guests will have filled with soup, then be able to take home at the end of the night.

As a potter, Anton had connections with other potters throughout Haliburton Country. They were all ecstatic to participate in the event and donate their artwork to the cause.

"It's bringing awareness to people that people in our community are going hungry. We can show that as a community we need to come together to help everyone," said Waller.

"I am so excited about the amount of people that have come up and said that they want to come out. It has completely blown me away," said Waller.

Tickets for the Empty Bowls Fundraiser quickly sold out. Anton and Waller were flabbergasted by the overwhelming demand. The event had 200 tickets priced at $35 each. Tickets were sold out nearly two weeks before the event.

The Empty Bowls fundraiser event will be taking place on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Haliburton Legion, located at 719 Mountain Street. The event will include door prizes, a silent auction, a plethora of soup, and live music. Doors for the event will open at 4 p.m. and soup will be served at 5 p.m. Musicians will include Albert Saxby, Drew Allen, Gord Kidd, Rich Anton, and Shannon Roszel.

The funds raised during this event and from the tickets sold will be divided three ways to directly support the SIRCH Community Kitchen, 4Cs Food Bank, and Fuel for Warmth. Representatives from each of the organizations will also be assisting with serving the soup.

The Haliburton Legion would like to thank the potters that have donated their time and talent including April Gates of Blackbird Pottery, Barbara Joy Peel of BJ Peel Pottery, Bernie Nicholson of Pottery in the Forest, Cathy Taylor of Cathy Taylor Mosaics and Clay Works, Charlene McConnell of The Purple Door Pottery Studio, Debbie and Grahame Wales of Earth and Fire Pottery, Isabel Neveu-Greene of ING Studios, Jacqueline Rattan of Mae'd of Clay, Kim Rose, Lisa Barry of Homestead Pottery, Loree Lawrence of the Wildewood Gallery, Lorrie King, Lyn Lawrence of Revolutions Woodworking and Pottery, Marlene and Brett Elliott, Michelle Anton of Anton Pottery, Renee Woltz of Halikash Pottery, Susanne James, Sylvia and Wayne Rose of Studio Rose, and the Haliburton School of Art and Design.

The Haliburton Legion would also like to thank the restaurants that provided their time and resources including Death By BBQ, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Culinary Arts department, Hook Line & Sinker, Kate's Burger Counter, The Maple Tap & Grill, Mulligans Pub and Patio, Nourished by Raisin the Root, Post House Haliburton Highlands, Rhubarb Restaurant, SIRCH Bistro, and Tamarack Lodge.

Due to the outstanding success and voracious desire for tickets, Waller and Anton both agree that there will be multiple Empty Bowls events next year.

Tackling hunger with apples

by THOMAS SMITH
Editor

There is an abundance of apple trees throughout Haliburton County that go to waste. Yards throughout the county can be seen littered with rotting apples. SIRCH's Applesauce Project seeks to use these apples that would otherwise go to waste to combat food insecurity in the county. SIRCH's Applesauce Project began in 2014 when U-Links matched Kyla Macdonald, a Trent University student with Community Care Haliburton County to research seniors and food insecurity.

According to the Rural Ontario Institute, the proportions of seniors living with low income in Haliburton County is 34 per cent. The research from Macdonald showed that one 1 per cent of seniors surveyed accessed fresh fruits and vegetables as part of their daily diet. Of that 1 per cent, none received the recommended serving to stay healthy.

Since the project began, community members are asked to donate any apples they have growing on their property to SIRCH. The apples are peeled, cored and made into applesauce. This applesauce is then frozen and stored to serve to seniors through SIRCH, Community Kitchen meals, and through HHHS Meals on Wheels.

"Most applesauce servings were distributed along with our Community Kitchen frozen meals through partner organizations (health and community services)," said Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH. "The meals are for people who are struggling with food insecurity, or, to a lesser extent to individuals who need meal support due to having a disability, health or mental health issue, being precariously housed, or other similar reasons."

From left, Sam Vanderwyst and Laurie McCaig accept apple donations at SIRCH Bistro. Apples were collected on Sept. 4 and 5 and were made into applesauce on the 9 for their Applesauce Project. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

"To date we have distributed over 10,000 servings of applesauce," said Robertson.

"We will be doing another call out for late apples, and people can drop them off at the Bistro on Oct. 1 and 2," said Robertson.

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Kim Restivo Galea raises $53,000 to date

When Kinmount pharmacist, Sam Iskandar, offered a decade ago to match the highest Journey for Health fundraiser up to $1500, no one knew that this generous tradition would carry on for years to come. He has now donated over $15, 000 to the Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation.

Iskandar couldn't have predicted that an area cottager would take up his challenge to raise $1500 or more, year after year.

Kim Restivo Galea, now a permanent resident of the area, said "I have been participating and raising funds for 20 years, increasing every year from $1500 in 2005 to $7505 this year." Restivo Galea estimates she has raised more than $53, 000 for the Kinmount and District Health Centre.

In 2020, Restivo Galea was invited to join the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation and has been the Fundraising Committee Lead since 2021. "We are just so grateful for the overwhelming support of businesses in Kinmount, Minden, Norland and area", said Restivo Galea.

The total raised through this year's Journey for Health was $15,622.80. Restivo Galea said, "This is more than what was raised since 2008-2010 when the event brought in $16,000 to $19,000."

The fundraising event was negatively affected by COVID, when people couldn't even walk together. Now the Journey for Health is a true community event, with kids out enjoying the games and the Lions Club serving up pancakes so neighbours can get caught up over breakfast. Face painting, live music, balloon art, and firefighters with their big red truck all add to the excitement of the day.

The Kinmount District Health Services Foundation needs funds for physician recruitment and making improvements to the health centre. There is room for two additional family doctors and the Foundation is working constantly on recruitment.

For more information, visit www.kdhc.ca.

Submitted

Kim Restivo Galea accepts a $1500 cheque for Kinmount's Journey for Health from Martina and Sam Iskandar, owners of Kinmount Pharmacy. /Submitted

PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant(s): Brookhart
Lot 7, Concession 2, Boshkung Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 2, Boshkung Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

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Dated: September 18, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant(s): McLaughin/Moote
Lot 9, Concession 1, Boshkung Lake
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant(s): Seedhouse
Lot 12, Concession 1, Boshkung Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

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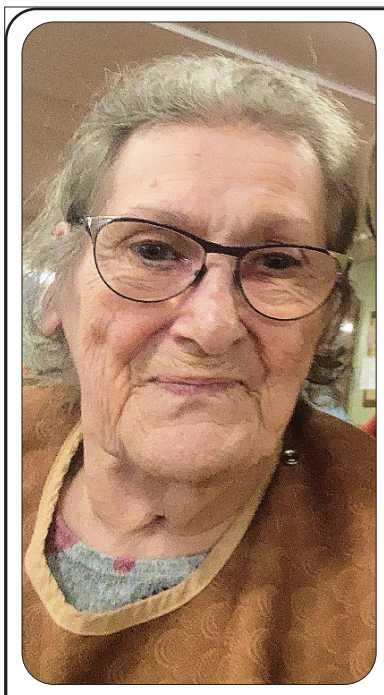

Nancy Crowther
Resident of Haliburton

Passed away peacefully at Extendicare Haliburton on Sept 11, 2024, in her 75th year. Nancy will be deeply missed by her chosen daughter Amanda Dykstra, who devoted herself to Nancy's care. Nancy is predeceased by her loving partner Robert Protani.

She will be greatly missed by Robert Jr. and his wife Jakki, Amanda's husband Shane, dear friend Patti, as well as her brother James and her sister Penny. She was the loving Babba to Riley, Carver, Abby, Jace, Stormi, and Wren. Nancy was a community pillar in the care and support of pets in need in her community and through her business Paulmac's Petfoods in Minden, ON. We would love to gratefully thank the exceptional staff at Extendicare Haliburton for their extraordinary care and compassion.

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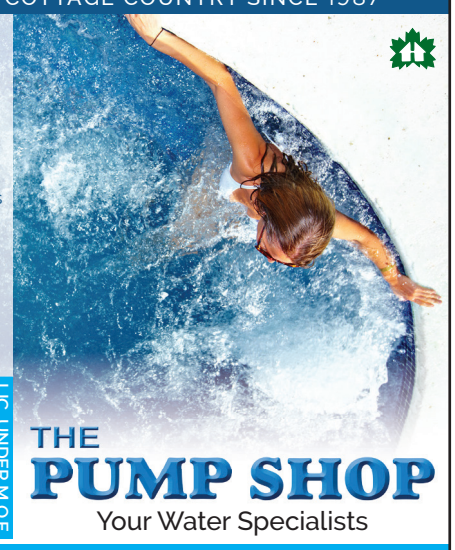

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Raising dust

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A fabulous fair

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It is safe to say that if y ou live on a waterfront property, your property taxes could rise 40 to 100 per cent.

Minden Hills Councillor Peter Oyler
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Maple Lake it is for Stanhope's sewage treatment facility

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands is one step closer to a fully functional sewage management plan, and it will be at Maple Lake.

Heather Watson of SGS Lakefield Research and project manager for the municipality's hauled sewage management plan, presented the latest updates to Algonquin Highlands council on September 1.

"I'm here with some very good news," she said. The Environmental Study Report (ESR) that was submitted to the Ministry of Environment in May of this year has been approved.

The ESR stated that the preferred site for the treatment facility was at Maple Lake. The only hope of local residents opposed to this choice was that the Ministry of Environment would not approve the ESR.

With the approval, Algonquin Highlands council can now proceed to the next and final phase of the hauled sewage management plan: the design, implementation and monitoring of a treatment system for hauled sewage at the Maple Lake landfill site.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Harrison said that, while council has yet to decide on a design or a designer, they have agreed that there should be no open disposal of the township's sewage. This should come as a relief to nearby residents.

Harrison has stated before that a top priority for council is that there is little to no smell from the treatment facility. Council is adamant that this facility will not include a lagoon. Council had previously considered building a septage lagoon at Pine Springs.

Maple Lake's landfill is also under consideration for expansion as part of the township's solid waste management plan.

For more information regarding either the hauled sewage management plan or the solid waste management plan, visit www.algonquinhighlands.ca.

Darren Lum/TIMES

Late summer sun

Minden resident and sunflower grower Pat Bradburn shows off her Mammoth Russian sunflower. Bradburn has been growing sunflowers (from Lemon Teddy's to the Red Velvets) for 10 years. She has more than 35 in her garden in the front of her house which she says the residents of Hyland Crest appreciate seeing each morning at this time of year.

Hawk Lake to lose its landfill

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands CAO Lorne Mitchell dropped a bomb last Thursday.

He informed council that, as of April 2006, they would be without the Hawk Lake dump and that two other landfill sites would require $56,200 in additional spending for this year.

Earlier projections of the remaining capacity at Hawk Lake were wrong, Mitchell told council. "The [current] estimated date of capacity is April 2006."

The actual closing date of the site could change, however slightly, based on actual

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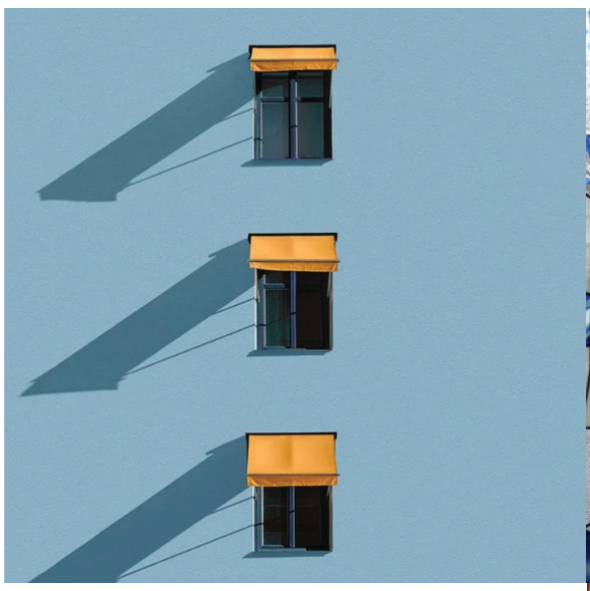

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